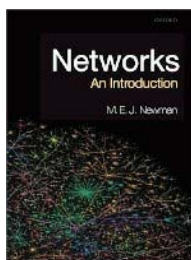


Централните хали – първият съвременен покрит пазар, една от най-емблематичните сгради на столицата, навърши 100 години.

Централните софийски хали са не само предтеча на съвременните супермаркети и молове, но и място за оживени социални контакти, т.нар. пулсираща социална мрежа, елемент от материалната и духовната култура.

Какво представляват мрежите - социални, културни, приятелски, информационни, компютърни, биологични и т.н, как функционират, каква е взаимозависимостта между индивида и този род общност? Как се съотнасят култура, бит, информация, цивилизация?



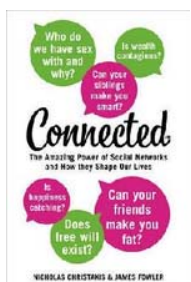
Networks: An Introduction

M. E. J. Newman

Oxford University Press, 2010

Our research is on the structure and function of networks, particularly social and information networks, which are studied using a combination of empirical methods, analysis, and computer simulation. Among other things, we have investigated scientific coauthorship networks, citation networks, email networks, friendship networks, epidemiological contact networks, and animal social networks; we've studied fundamental network properties such as degree distributions, centrality measures, assortative mixing, vertex similarity, and community structure, and made analytic or computer models of disease propagation, friendship formation, the spread of computer viruses, the Internet, and network navigation algorithms.

<http://library.ime.bg/networks-an-introduction/>



Connected: The Amazing Power of Social Networks and How They Shape Our Lives

Nicholas Christakis and James Fowler

Hachette Book Group, 2009

In Connected, the authors explain why emotions are contagious, how health behaviors spread, why the rich get richer, even how we find and choose our partners. Intriguing and entertaining, Connected overturns the notion of the individual and provides a revolutionary paradigm-that social networks influence our ideas, emotions, health, relationships, behavior, politics, and much more. It will change the way we think about every aspect of our lives. <http://library.ime.bg/connected/>



The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood

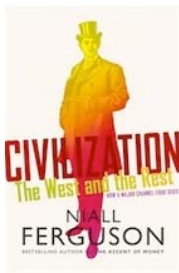
James Gleick

Pantheon Books, 2011



The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood is a book by science history writer James Gleick, author of Chaos: Making a New Science. It covers the genesis of our current information age.

Gleick begins with the tale of 18th century European explorers and their fascination with African talking drums and their observed use to send complex and widely understood messages back and forth between villages far apart. Gleick transitions from the information implications of such drum signaling to the impact of the arrival of long distance telegraph and then telephone communication to the commercial and social prospects of the industrial west. Research to improve these technologies ultimately led to our understanding the essentially digital nature of information, quantized down to the unit of the bit (or qubit). <http://library.ime.bg/the-information/>



Civilization: The West and the Rest

Niall Ferguson

Allen Lane, 2011

What was it about the civilization of Western Europe that allowed it to trump the outwardly superior empires of the Orient? The answer, Niall Ferguson argues, was that the West developed six “killer applications” that the Rest lacked: competition, science, democracy, medicine, consumerism and the work ethic. The key question today is whether or not the West has lost its monopoly on these six things. If so, Ferguson warns, we may be living through the end of Western ascendancy.

Civilization takes readers on their own extraordinary journey around the world...It is the story of sailboats, missiles, land deeds, vaccines, blue jeans and Chinese Bibles. It is the defining narrative of modern world history. <http://library.ime.bg/civilization-the-west-and-the-rest/>

Доклади на Европейската комисия, дирекция „Икономически и финансови въпроси“:



European Economic Forecast: Spring 2011

EC, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, 2011

“In spring 2011, the European economic recovery is progressing. Almost four years after the sub-prime crisis in the US triggered the global financial crisis and almost two years after the exceptionally deep recession ended, the economy is approaching its pre-crisis level in terms of output. Following the initial push from the extraordinary policy measures, external demand, and the inventory cycle, the recovery now shows signs of a broadening across components. Private domestic demand is contributing more strongly, although it is – particularly in 2011 – subject to additional constraints due to higher inflationary pressures.” <http://library.ime.bg/european-economic-forecast-spring-2011-2/>



The Economic Adjustment Programme for Greece: Third Review - Winter 2011

European Economy, Occasional Papers 77

EC, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, 2011

“A joint Commission/ECB/IMF mission met with the Greek authorities in Athens on 27 January–11 February 2011. The mission assessed compliance with the terms and conditions of the Third Review under the economic adjustment programme and updated conditionality for the next reviews. Completion of the review will release the fourth tranche of financial assistance from euro-area Member States to Greece (EUR 10.9 billion) according to the pooled-loan agreement. Completion of the IMF review under the stand-by arrangement is expected to release an additional EUR 4.1 billion.”

<http://library.ime.bg/the-economic-adjustment-programme-for-greece-third-review-winter-2011/>



Quarterly Report on the Euro Area, Volume 10 N 1 (2011)

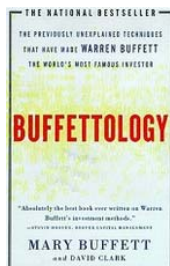
EC, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, 2011

The April 2011 issue of the Quarterly Report focuses on the EU's economic policy response to the crisis since its outbreak in 2008, placing a particular emphasis on the comprehensive package of policy measures agreed by the European Council in March 2011. The Council's decision to establish a permanent crisis resolution mechanism in the form of the European Stability Mechanism and the sealing of the Euro Plus Pact complement prior policy action spanning the entire economic, budgetary and financial sphere. A second focus section examines the recent upward drift in euro area inflation, stressing the

importance of cyclical, but also of structural and political explanatory factors. The acceleration of inflation is found to be mainly driven by commodities prices, especially oil, whereas underlying price pressures remain subdued due to the large amount of spare capacity and well-anchored expectations. <http://library.ime.bg/-quarterly-report-on-the-euro-area/>

В света на инвестициите името на Уорън Едуард Бъфет – американски инвеститор, бизнесмен и филантроп, е синоним на успех и просперитет. Бъфет с основание е считан за най-великия инвеститор в историята на модерните финансови пазари.

Бъфетологията – е „ръководство“ за разработване на печеливши инвестиционни стратегии.



Buffettology: The Previously Unexplained Techniques That Have Made Warren Buffett The World's Most Famous Investor

Mary Buffett and David Clark

Simon and Schuster, 1999

Buffettology examines Buffett's methods for valuing companies and selecting stocks--it even encourages you to buy a calculator and work through the valuation formulas that Buffett uses when researching companies to buy. The book not only serves as a useful guide to understanding how Buffett invests, it's an excellent primer to investing in stocks, whether you plan to become a Buffettologist or not. Highly recommended. – Harry C. Edwards, Business editor

<http://library.ime.bg/buffettology/>